

Serial No. 10/802,102

RD-28,965-4

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted
to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

July 5, 2004
(Date of Transmission)

[Signature] 7/5/04
Signature (Date of Signature)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Marc Schaepkens

: Art Unit: 1775

Serial No. 10/802,102

: Examiner: L.X. Xu

Filed: March 16, 2004

For **BARRIER LAYER FOR AN ARTICLE AND METHOD OF MAKING SAID
BARRIER LAYER BY EXPANDING THERMAL PLASMA**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This Divisional Application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/802102 was filed March 16, 2004 together with a transmittal letter which directed that originally filed claims 1-59 be cancelled. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to provide the Patent Office with current set listing of the claims and to amend the specification to reference the parent Application.

Amendments to the specification are given on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.